1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
IOCL	111	92	135	90	81	130	855
HPCL	—	7.00	10.00	6.77	2.88	7.53	55.00
BPCL	36.6	30.0	36.2	18.9	18.4	22.1	73.2*»

**For two years 2007-08 & 2008-09. Budgetary allocation for R & D activities for the next 3 years of Xlth Five Year Plan Period in respect of BPCL not yet decided.

Gas pricing

3077. SHRI NAND KISHORE YADAV:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

whether it is, a fact that his Ministry in September/October, 2007 had presented to Empowered Group of Ministers on gas pricing that, in accordance with production Sharing Contract, the contractor has commercial freedom to market the gas;

if so, the details thereof;

whether Government has now decided to intervene in the court case filed by NTPC against RIL which is before Bombay High Court to protect the interest of a Government company and to fulfil Government's vision of "Power for All"; and

if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir.

As per provisions of the Model Production Sharing Contract signed under New Exploration Licensing Policy, the Contractor has the freedom to sell the gas in the domestic market on arms length basis.

No, Sir.

The court case filed by NTPC against RIL is a commercial dispute between the two companies regarding gas supply agreement and the Government is not a party to this Gas Supply Agreement.

Forts of Shershah

3078. SHRIMATI MOHSINA KIDWAI: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

whether Government is aware that Shershah's Forts at Rohtas and Kalinjar in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh are serving hideouts for Maoists;

whether Government is also aware that there is not even police pickets near these forts due to which tourists are scared to visit these places of tourist importance;

what Government is doing to give due publicity about the forts in Uttar Pradesh so that these forts can become the destination of tourists; and

how many forts in Uttar Pradesh are open for tourists and what development work lias been done around the fort areas and facilities provided to tourists there?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. Ministry of Home Affairs from time to time have issued advisories to the State Governments to give more focused attention to improving administration of criminal justice system and take such measures as are necessary for prevention of crimes against all vulnerable section of society.

The Government of Uttar Pradesh and Ministry of Tourism, Government of India have been publicizing important forts through brochures and website.

Development and promotion of tourism is undertaken primarily by the State Governments. However, Ministry of Tourism, Government of India extends financial assistance to the State Governments for tourism related projects that are identified in consultation with them under the scheme 'Product/Infrastructure Development for Destination and Circuits'.

The Ministry of Tourism had sanctioned projects of Rs. 27.00 lakh (2001-02) for floodlighting of Jhansi Fort and Rs. 55.68 lakh (2005-06) for improvement of facilities at Tiksy Fort Complex at Etawah, to the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

Special Tourist Police

3079. SHRI N. R. GOVINDARAJAR: Will the Minister of TOURISM be pleased to state:

whether due to the increase in the incidents of harassment, cheating, molestation and rape involving foreign tourists, Government has asked the State Governments to introduce Special Tourist Police for safety and security of foreign tourists;

if so, the details thereof;

whether only ten States have introduced Special Tourist Police in their States;

if so, the details of the States who have not considered the directives of the Central Government so far; and

by when the State Governments are likely to introduce Tourist Police Force at various tourist sports in their State?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) to (e) 'Public Order' and 'Police' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. As such, the prevention of crime, including crimes against tourists is the primary responsibility of State Governments/Union Territories. However, in order to ensure safety and security of tourists the Ministry of Tourism has advised all the State Governments/ Union Territories to deploy Tourist Police in the States/UTs. The State Governments of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Goa, Kerala, Maharashtra, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, etc., have deployed Tourist Police in one form or the other.